

Whereas, Greg Grounds served as Mayor of Blue Springs, Missouri, from 1990 until April 2004, prior to which time he served as Alderman of Ward 1 for one year; and

Whereas, in his fifteen years of public service, Greg Grounds strived to create a community rich in growth and progressive economic development while maintaining a friendly small town atmosphere; and

Whereas, Greg Grounds also served on the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Board of Directors, acted as Chairman of the Jackson County Suburban Mayors, and worked extensively with the National League of Cities' Finance and Administrative Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR):

Whereas, through his experience in public service, Greg Grounds had many opportunities to serve in community and government betterment groups and served as President of the Eastern Jackson County Betterment Council and the West Gate Division of the Missouri Municipal League; and

Whereas, during his impressive tenure, Greg Grounds contributed greatly to the accomplishments of the City Council, including the construction of the Adams Dairy Parkway, Wilbur Young Park and Hidden Valley Park Sports Complex, Vesper Hall, and Adams Pointe Golf Club just to name a few; and

Whereas, Greg Grounds also provided valuable policy direction in the implementation and appropriate development restrictions and regulations that have promoted and continue to promote aesthetics through landscaping and safety and traffic flow issues; and

Whereas, active in the Blue Springs Bar Association, Greg Grounds further distinguished himself by implementing "Red, White and Blue Springs", a wall honoring and dedicated to the men and women fighting in Iraq; and

Whereas, Greg Grounds has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Kathy, and two children, Brad and Jill:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the citizens of Blue Springs in expressing our heartfelt appreciation to Greg Grounds for his years of dedicated and tireless service to the community and in wishing him the long, enjoyable, and fruitful retirement he so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Greg Grounds, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Bryan Pratt
District No. 55

Representative Gary Dusenbergh
District No. 54

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker